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SUBJECT: PL480 FOOD ASSISTANCE TO LAOS

REF: A. STATE 135955 (NOTAL); B. VIENTIANE 0598; C. BANGKOK 15309

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- 4. DEPARTMENT PLANS TO NOTIFY LAO EMBASSY HERE MAY 31.
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